

THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DAWN M. HIPPI

April 26, 2011



DOCKET NO. 2011-124-C

**Petition for a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates
of Public Convenience and Necessity for Certain Providers of
Telecommunications Service Should Not be Revoked for
Failure to File Gross Receipts**

TESTIMONY OF DAWN M. HIPP**FOR****THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF****DOCKET NO. 2011-124-C****IN RE: PETITION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AS TO WHY THE
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR CERTAIN
PROVIDERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE SHOULD NOT BE
REVOKED**

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION.

A. My name is Dawn M. Hipp. My business address is 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. I am employed by the state of South Carolina as the Director of the Telecommunications, Transportation, Water and Wastewater Department for the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS").

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to present evidence that certain telecommunications carriers subject to this Commission's jurisdiction have failed to file the 2010 Gross Receipts Form with the ORS.

Q. ARE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS REQUIRED TO FILE THE GROSS RECEIPTS FORM?

A. Yes. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-100, 58-3-540, 58-4-60 and 58-9-370 (Supp. 2010), telecommunications carriers under the jurisdiction of the Commission are assessed annually by the Department of Revenue. The assessment is based on the revenue reported and submitted by each telecommunications carrier on the Gross Receipts Form.

1 **Q. DO YOU SUPERVISE THE PREPARATION AND MAILING OF THE GROSS**
2 **RECEIPTS FORMS?**

3 A. Yes. As part of my job duties, I review the Gross Receipts Forms mailing and
4 monitor company compliance. Gross Receipts Forms were due from
5 telecommunications carriers on August 31, 2010.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO YOUR TESTIMONY.**

7 A. Exhibit A identifies those telecommunication carriers that failed to file the
8 required Gross Receipts Form at the time this testimony was prepared.

9 **Q. WHAT RESPONSE, IF ANY, HAS ORS RECEIVED FROM THE CARRIERS**
10 **NAMED IN THE RULE TO SHOW CAUSE PETITION?**

11 A. The ORS has received responses from some of the carriers who have since
12 come into compliance with Commission rules and regulations. To the extent
13 additional companies come into compliance before the Commission hearing, ORS will
14 present a revised Exhibit A to accurately reflect only those companies who remain out
15 of compliance at the time of the Commission hearing.

16 **Q. WHAT ACTION DOES THE ORS RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION**
17 **TAKE?**

18 A. The ORS recommends that the Commission revoke the Certificates of Public
19 Convenience and Necessity for those telecommunication carriers that have not
20 complied with the Gross Receipt Form requirement as of the hearing date.

21 **Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

22 A. Yes it does.

Rule to Show Cause Telecommunications Carriers Non-Compliant with Gross Receipts Filing 2010

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#	Company Name	DBA	Certificate Type	Address	City	State	Zip	Docket #	Order #	Date Certified	Secretary of State Standing
1	Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC	Freedom Communications USA, LLC	CLEC	3483 Satellite Blvd, Ste 202	Duluth	GA	30096-5800	2004-211-C	2004-567	2/15/2004	Good Standing
2	5 Sons International		PSP	3111 Benefit Road	Chesapeake	VA	23322	1985-150-C	1999-416	6/14/1999	None
3	A.E. Payphone Services fka American Electronics Ltd		PSP	PO Box 295	Ware Shoals	SC	29692	1985-150-C	1989-344	3/29/1989	None
4	Cen-Tex Pay Telephone Co.		PSP	101 Sterling Browning	San Antonio	TX	78232	1985-150-C	2003-417	6/19/2003	None
5	CHR Services, Inc.		PSP	2146 Slagles Lake Rd	Emporia	VA	23847	1985-150-C	2009-598	9/2/2009	Good Standing
6	Fred D. Moore		PSP	515 Russell Road	Hartsville	SC	29550	1985-150-C	1991-526	6/20/1991	None
7	Kenneth J. Moorehead	Ken Moorehead Oil, Inc.	PSP	820 South Main Street	Anderson	SC	29621	1985-150-C	1986-345	3/27/1986	None
8	Melanie H. Hodgkin		PSP	141 W Ballpark Rd	Gaston	SC	29053	1985-150-C	1997-341	4/24/1997	None
9	MetroTel, Inc.		PSP	PO Box 13363	Anderson	SC	29624	1985-150-C	2000-8	1/4/2000	Good Standing
10	MetroTel, Inc.		PSP	1856 Corporate Dr, Ste 150	Atlanta	GA	30093	1985-150-C	1995-1688	1/4/2000	Forfeiture
11	Milton T. Gibson	CTS Communications, Inc.	PSP	PMB 178 8318-708 Pineville-Matthews Rd	Charlotte	NC	28226	1985-150-C	1989-1082	11/22/1989	None
12	Payphone Manager, Inc.		PSP	PO Box 185	Bronx	NY	10461	1985-150-C	2010-282	4/6/2010	Good Standing
13	Sterling Payphones, LLC		PSP	PO Box 185	Bronx	NY	10461	1985-150-C	2007-800	11/2/2007	Good Standing
14	STS Networking Systems, Inc. D/B/A Scott Communications		PSP	PMB178 8318 Pineville-Matthews Rd	Charlotte	NC	28226	1985-150-C	1989-1081	11/22/1989	Good Standing
15	The Fone Connection of Tampa Bay, Inc.		PSP	2011 Cleveland St. Ste. A	Tampa	FL	33606-1756	1985-150-C	2000-576	7/14/2000	None
16	Tommy Condon		PSP	160 Church St	Charleston	SC	29401	1985-150-C	1986-642	6/18/1986	None